

REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 121: Election/Restriction

In response to the Examiner's April 24, 2009 Office Action, Applicants elect, with traverse, the following Claims:

Claims 14-23 drawn to fluorinated sulfonamide vinyl polymer of the formula structure(s) III and designated by the Examiner as group III.

The traversal is on the grounds that the Examiner makes the unsubstantiated and conclusory statement that Claims 1-7 are obvious over Howard et al. WO 03/034429 as support for the restriction requirement. No reasoning or analysis is provided by the Examiner and therefore the statement, and the restriction requirement which flows from such statement, are traversed.

In view of the foregoing, substantive examination of the present patent application is solicited. If any unresolved issues remain the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants at the numbers identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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